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RATIONED STAPLES NOT REGULARLY AVAILABLE. -- Rome, Flamuri, Jul - Aug 50
[anti-Communist]

The daily wage of an unskilled Albanian laborer is 75 lek. A skilled worker earns 85 lek. A professor, lawyer, doctor, or teacher earns from 2,500 to 4,000 lek per month.

Blue- and white-collar workers are entitled to buy, with ration cards, 250 grams of bread a day, and 300 grams of macaroni, 200 grams of soap, and 250 grams of sugar per month; but these are not available regularly. On the black market, oil costs 1,000 lek per liter, butter 1,500-1,800 lek per kilogram, chickens 400-600 lek each, hens or roosters 1,500-2,000 lek, and milk, when obtainable on the black market, 100 lek per kilogram.

With a month's pay, an Albanian worker can buy 190 kilograms of bread, 2 kilograms of butter, or 65 kilograms of sugar.

53 NEW SCHOOLS THIS YEAR -- Boston, Liria, 20 Oct 50

Tirana, 8 August -- During the 1949-50 school year, 1,779 elementary schools were in operation in Albania. Thirty-eight more will be opened during the 1950-51 school year. Many of these will be in the Elbasan, Pogradec, Berat, and Sarande districts. Five new elementary schools are being opened in the Peshkoni district alone.

The number of 7-year schools will rise from 153 last year to 168 this year. The new 7-year schools will be opened in the Korce, Lushnje, Berat, and other districts.

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949 STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 9 Aug 50

Tirana (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- During the 1950-51 academic year, Albanian students held about 200 scholarships for study in foreign institutions of higher learning. A total of 949 Albanian students will study in the USSR or in People's Democracies in universities or the equivalent this year. The Albanian government will spend about 5,685,000 lek to finance their studies.

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